

Under the provisions of Section 413.031 of the Texas Workers' Compensation Act, Title 5, Subtitle A of the Texas Labor Code, effective June 17, 2001 and Commission Rule 133.305, titled Medical Dispute Resolution-General, and 133.307, titled Medical Dispute Resolution of a Medical Fee Dispute, a review was conducted by the Division regarding a medical fee dispute between the requestor and the respondent named above. This dispute was received on 09/23/03.

## **I. DISPUTE**

Whether there should be reimbursement for cpt code 71020-26 on date of service 07/11/03.

## **II. FINDINGS**

The service in dispute was a radiologic examination to the chest (frontal and lateral) ordered by the surgeon to determine if the patients cardiomegaly was stable prior to the carpal tunnel surgery. The respondent denied payment based on "R- extent of injury". The respondent filed a TWCC 21 dated 02/19/03 disputing medical benefits for bilateral CTS, compressive median neuropathy, degenerative disc disease in the neck, left forearm strain, right shoulder, wrist strain, lipoma, continued care/treatment & medication for a neck strain/left shoulder strain. The respondent did not dispute cardiomegaly on the TWCC 21, therefore the service in dispute will be reviewed according to the 1996 Medical Fee Guideline.

## **III. RATIONALE**

The radiological report for this date of service supports delivery of service service per TWCC Rule 133.307 (g)(3)(A-F). Reimbursement in the amount of \$28.00 is recommended.

## **IV. DECISION & ORDER**

Based upon the review of the disputed healthcare services within this request, the Division has determined that the requestor **is** entitled to reimbursement in the amount of **\$28.00**. Pursuant to Sections 402.042, 413.016, 413.031, and 413.019 the Division hereby ORDERS the Respondent to remit **\$28.00** plus all accrued interest due at the time of payment to the Requestor within 20 days receipt of this Order.

The above Findings, Decision and Order are hereby issued this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July 2004.

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